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REPORTS INDUSTRIAL AND MINING INCREASES
DURING FIRST QUARTER 1950

CHEMICAL PRODUCTION EXCEEDS QUOTA -- Peiping Kung-jen Jih-pao, 15 Apr 50

During the first quarter of 1950, production of the state-owned Tsient-sin Chemical Factory has exceeded the quota by 10 days. The total sulfonozurin production reached 5,509 barrels (60 kilograms in each barrel) exceeding the quota by 34 percent; the sodium sulfide output reached 318,552 tons, surpassing the quota by 43.95 percent; and the nitrate output went over the quota by 22 percent, the production totaling 563.2 tons.

PRODUCTION INCREASES IN MINES, FACTORIES -- Peiping Kung-jen Jih-pao, 15 Apr 50

Production in most of the public-owned industrial and mining enterprises has surpassed the quota set for the first quarter 1950. Production in six coal mines attached to the West Peiping Coal Mining Company, which expected to surpass the quota by 8.4 percent, has already been exceeded by 23 percent. The production of matches in the Tan-hua Match Factory exceeded the quota by 3.2 percent, and the Peiping Electric Tramcar Manufacturing Company, which had expected to make seven cars, actually produced 11 cars by the end of March.

ESTABLISHES PUBLIC ENTERPRISES COMPANY -- Peiping Kung-jen Jih-pao, 15 Apr 50

Peiping, 14 April (Hsin-hua) -- To tighten control over some ten public-owned factories in the city, the Peiping Municipal People's government, on 13 April, established the Peiping Public Enterprises Company. Chao P'eng-fei (Ueda: 11479, 14483, 13495) and Yu Ti-ch'ing (253, 6439, 6290) were appointed manager and assistant manager of the company.

HUNG-SHAN COAL MINE REPORTS PROGRESS -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 16 Apr 50

A bord excavation unit has established a new record of 222 meters for January. This record, which is 450 percent of the usual rate of digging at

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the Hung-shan Coal Mine in Shantung, is partially the result of the organization of the miners into groups with officers selected by the men. The officers believe in teaching by example and go into the shaft with the men to study the problems involved and listen to the men's engineering and welfare problems. Discussion meetings are held at the close of each shift. The conclusions are written down and passed on to the men on the next shift. The oncoming shift also holds a short meeting to consider the problems of the shift and to study the suggestions offered by the previous shift. The process is all very democratic.

The workers follow the policy of "more work, more results," with rewards and demerits according to results. The level of enthusiasm has been raised, and absenteeism has been reduced to a minimum. By combining their experience and techniques, constant improvement is made.

Similar units are now being organized on the same pattern in the machine shops and in construction and repair units.

CHIA-WANG COAL MINE TO DOUBLE OUTPUT -- Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 16 Apr 50

Suchow, Kiangsu -- The Chia-wang Coal Mine in Shantung aims to double in 1950 its previous maximum of 570,000 tons in 1948. To this end, it is installing a large amount of modern coal-mining machinery and adopting the long-wall method instead of the chamber method of excavation. In mid-March 1950, a drift road of over 900 meters was completed. In addition, it is planned to construct a central electric power plant at a point between the Hsia-ch'iao and Han-ch'iao coal pits to increase the power available to 2,000 kilowatts.

IRON MINE RESUMES LARGE-SCALE OUTPUT -- Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 16 Apr 50

Suchow, Kiangsu -- The Li-kuo-i Iron Mine, which during the Sino-Japanese war employed some 10,000 miners and produced about 2,000 tons of ore per day, has resumed large-scale production after having remained closed for over 4 years. As of 10 March 1950, approximately 1,300 laborers were at work and their output averaged 400 tons per day. The production goal for 1950 is 140,000 tons.

Purchasing agents have been sent to Tientsin and Tsingtao to buy diesel engines and oil, dynamos, air compressors, and other equipment. A light railway is being laid to connect the mine with the Tientsin-P'u-k'ou Railroad which is only 2 kilometers away. The mines are only about 40 kilometers north of Suchow. Mining operations are going on at 13 places. The ore varies in depth below the surface from 2 meters to between 10 and 20 meters. Principally hematite and magnetic iron ore, the iron content averages 60 percent, although the best ore runs to over 70 percent.

SHIH-CHIA-CHUANG COKE OVENS INCREASE PRODUCTION -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 16 Apr 50

The Shih-chia-chuang coke works has set another new record. The old system was to operate 15 small and 10 large ovens. After the liberation, the workers increased their skill until in April they were able to operate 18 small and 12 large ovens. The time has been cut from 32 to 26 hours for small ovens and from 24 to 20 hours a batch for large ovens. The total daily production of coke has increased from 101 to 125 tons.

The foremen have begun having conferences each day to discuss the problems involved and to inject pep into the operations.

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CANTON TO GET ELECTRICITY FROM HSI-TS'UN PLANT -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao,
20 Apr 50

To cut operational costs, the Canton Electric Industries Control Department has decided to utilize the Hsi-ts'un Power Plant in supplying the city with electricity instead of the Wu-hsien-men Power Plant. The change is to be made on 20 April 1950.

CANTON GETS NEW TELEPHONE LINES -- Nan-fang Jih-pao, 18 Apr 50

Under KMT control, residents of Canton found it very difficult to have private telephones installed, except under black-market transactions. After the city's liberation, the Municipal Telephone Control Department was reorganized and its operations were placed under strict control. At present, to supply the demands of the people, the department has released 200 telephones for installation purposes.

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